

Joe C. McKinney
Executive Director
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Joe McKinney has twenty-two years of experience having served in city, county, regional and national association and government management since 1991. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Public Policy Analysis from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a candidate for a Masters Degree in Public Administration from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Prior to his appointment as Executive Director of the National Association of Development Organization, Mr. McKinney served as Executive Director of Land-of-Sky Regional Council in Asheville, North Carolina from January 2003 until October 2012. Under his leadership, Land-of-Sky became recognized nationally for its innovation and program expansion in areas such as planning and economic development, workforce development, transportation and transit, aging services, volunteer services, and geographic information systems.

He has served as a County Manager for Mitchell County, North Carolina, Town Manager for the Town of Spruce Pine, North Carolina and County Administrator for Chesterfield County, South Carolina. Prior to his appointment at Land-of-Sky Regional Council, he served as Executive Director of Eastern Carolina Council of Governments.

In December 2004, he was appointed by the North Carolina General Assembly to staff the Joint Select Committee on Hurricane Relief. While serving in this capacity, his primary task was to determine the statewide economic impact of Hurricanes Frances and Ivan and to assist the General Assembly in developing a state relief package to guide the recovery of the region's economy. His efforts led to the adoption of legislation totaling \$361 million in disaster assistance, the second largest relief bill ever adopted by the State of North Carolina.

Mr. McKinney has served on the UNC-Wilmington Board of Visitors, the North Carolina Sustainable Communities Task Force, the North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council, the Southeast Regional Directors Institute (SERDI) Council of Peers, and the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Board of Directors.